

SAMUEL J. TILDEN HOUSE**14–15 Gramercy Park South, New York**

Samuel J. Tilden, a wealthy corporation lawyer and former New York State legislator, is a foremost representative of the conservative political reformers of the 1870s. He came to national prominence during his successful campaign to reform Tammany Hall and the Tweed Ring. Tilden was one of the two central figures in the disputed Tilden-Hayes presidential election of 1876 and the resultant compromise of 1877, events that essentially ended the post-Civil War Reconstruction era in the South. From about 1860 until his death in 1885 he lived in this Gramercy Park town house, now occupied by the National Arts Club.